

mentia, slurred speech, and uncontrollable movements progressively worsen. For those fortunate not to develop the disorder, Huntington's disease can nevertheless take an emotional and financial toll as they care for stricken loved ones.

Today, patients and their families have just cause for hope; a new era of discovery is unfolding in research on Huntington's disease. Members of the biomedical research community are aggressively pursuing studies to identify the exact location of the gene associated with Huntington's disease and to learn how it functions in the body. Once the gene is located and its mechanism of action is exposed, scientists will be able to analyze and possibly to correct the defect, thereby conquering Huntington's disease once and for all. Until scientists achieve these goals, however, affected individuals and families will continue to need our understanding and our support.

In order to enhance public awareness of Huntington's disease and to express concern for those affected by it, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 251, has designated May 1992 as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month" and has requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1992 as National Huntington's Disease Awareness Month. I encourage all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6439 of May 18, 1992

World Trade Week, 1992

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

At no time in recent history has international commerce been so important to the economic productivity and strength of the United States. As more and more peoples around the world join the ranks of free and democratic nations and reform their economies on the basis of market principles, American business, agriculture, and industry face unprecedented opportunities and challenges. Thus, it is fitting that we pause to recognize the role of international trade in creating jobs for our citizens while spurring America's productivity and competitiveness.

Today the success of U.S. exporters is driving our Nation's economy toward stronger growth. Last year, U.S. merchandise exports soared to a record high of \$422 billion. Our trade deficit dropped to \$66 billion, the lowest level since 1983. Exports not only mean jobs to the men and women who develop, grow, manufacture, and market products for sale abroad but also help to bring prosperity to our communities.

This Administration will continue to work in partnership with U.S. business and industry to promote the quality of American goods and services and to eliminate barriers to free and fair trade. The United States led the way in initiating the current set of negotiations on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and we will continue to work to bring the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion. We also remain committed to the full implementation of our Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, as well as to the completion of a North American Free Trade Agreement, which will create a thriving market of 360 million consumers and an estimated \$6 trillion annual output—the largest integrated market in the world. The United States is determined to advance our free trade agenda on both the multilateral and bilateral levels.

There remains tremendous export potential in America today, and much of it lies with small- and medium-sized companies. In fact, while the United States leads the world in exports, just 15 percent of our exporters account for more than 60 percent of the value of goods shipped across our borders. American businesses and industries, large and small, must take advantage of recent events in the world marketplace and recommit themselves to the aggressive pursuit of export markets abroad. The Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, which is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce and comprised of 18 Federal agencies, was established to coordinate government export programs and to assist American businesses in their exporting efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 through May 23, 1992, as World Trade Week. I encourage all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6440 of May 19, 1992

National Maritime Day, 1992

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

This year, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' historic first journey to the Americas, we are especially mindful of our Nation's rich maritime history. The development of the American colonies was made possible by merchant ships, and commercial vessels later played a key role in our Nation's struggle for independence. Since that time, our civilian seafarers have continued to contribute to the freedom and security of the United States, as well as to its trade and commerce. Thus, it is with great pride and appreciation that we pause to honor the American merchant marine.